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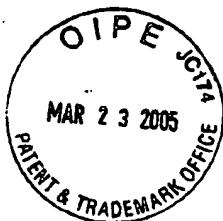
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
Int.Cl.⁷ G02F1/167, G02F1/17

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 2002-14654 A (Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.),	1, 16
Y	18 January, 2002 (18.01.02),	2-4
A	Full text (Family: none)	17-18
Y	JP 2001-164207 A (Bridgestone Corp.), 19 June, 2001 (19.06.01), Par. Nos. [0021], [0034] (Family: none)	2-4

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐ See patent family annex.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The technical feature common to claims 1-46 is "an image display in which at least one kind of particles is sealed in the space between two opposed substrate at least one of which is transparent and the particles are moved by applying an electric field to the particles so as to display an image". However, the international search has revealed that this is not novel since it is disclosed in document JP 2002-14654 A (Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.), 18 January, 2002 (18.01.02).

The common technical feature of claims 2-4, 16-18, the common technical feature of claims 5-7, the common technical feature of claims 8-10, the common technique feature of claims 11-15, (Continued to extra sheet.)

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-4, 16-18

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☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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the common technical feature of claims 19-24, and common the technical feature of claims 25-46 are different from one another. Therefore, no technical relationship within the meaning of PCT Rule 13 can be seen. Consequently, claims 1-46 do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.

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